

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 10 and 12-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by German Patent No. 199 19 449 (Reik et al.) and claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reik et al. Further, the drawings are objected to, claims 9 and 12 are objected to for informalities, and claims 3-9 are objected to but include allowable subject matter.

In the response, claims 16-18 have been canceled and the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn. The specification has been amended to include the subject matter of canceled claims 16-18, therefore, no new subject matter has been added to the application.

Claim 5 has been canceled, and independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5 indicated allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, the rejection to claim 1 should be withdrawn. Claims 2-4 and 6-15 depend from allowable claim 1, and therefore these claims are allowable as well.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicant believes that the claims as filed are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this case. Applicant kindly requests that the Examiner telephone the attorney of record in the event a telephone discussion would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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